56.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, further comprising:

a file transfer interface, providing the ability to select at least one item of information for

transferring between said first computing device and said second computing device.

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed

September 11, 2001.

Claims 1-30 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In

the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-30. The present Response cancels Claims 1-30

and adds new claims 31-56, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 31-56.

Consideration of the new claims is requested.

I.   Summary Of The Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Mosher, Jr.*

(U.S. Patent No. 5,745,753).

II.   Summary Of Applicants' Amendment

Claims 1-30 have been canceled.

Claims 31-56 have been added.

III.   Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-30 as being anticipated by *Mosher, Jr.* (U.S. Patent No.

5,745,753).

Claims 1-30 have been canceled.

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IV. <u>New Claims 31-56</u>

New Claims 31-56 have been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 31-56 are allowable over the cited references. None of the references nor their combination either teach or suggest the limitations found in Claims 31-56.

A. New Claims 31-35

New Claim 31 includes, among other limitations, "selecting an item of information stored on said first computer; [and] identifying a corresponding item of information stored on said second computer."

Mosher, Jr. teaches a database management system for "monitoring changes made to a database on a local system and maintaining a copy of that database on a remote system." (col. 1, lines 5-9). The purpose of the database management system described in *Mosher, Jr.* is to keep an duplicate copy of the entire local database on a remote system in case the primary system becomes unavailable. "The remote system is preferably located sufficiently far from the primary system that even a widespread disaster, such as loss of power over a large geographic area, that adversely affects the primary system will not affect the remote backup system." (col. 1, lines 51-55).

Mosher, Jr. does not teach "selecting an item of information stored on said first computer," as called for in independent Claim 31. The remote database in *Mosher, Jr.* is continuously updated, "(e.g. once every 5 to 25 seconds)" with all the changes made to the primary database. (col. 14, line 44). There is no discussion of being able to select a particular item of information to be updated, as called for in Independent Claim 31.

Further, there is no teaching in *Mosher, Jr.* of "identifying a corresponding item of information stored on said second computer," as called for in independent Claim 31.

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Claims 32-35 each ultimately depend from independent Claim 31, and should therefore be patentable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 31.

It is further submitted that Claims 32-35 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicants reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Accordingly, new Claims 31-35 are believed patentable over the cited references.

B.   Claims 36-38

New Claim 36 claims "[a] method for remotely obtaining with a second computer, an item of information stored on a first computer." The method includes, among other limitations, "identifying with said second computer said item of information stored on said first computer; and, retrieving said item of information from said first computer."

As discussed above, *Mosher, Jr.* discloses a system for continuously updating a remote database. All changes to the primary database are sent to the remote database. There is no teaching of remotely **obtaining** information stored on a computer as claimed in independent Claim 36.

Claims 37-38 each depend from independent Claim 36, and should therefore be patentable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 36.

It is further submitted that Claims 37-38 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicants reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Accordingly, new Claims 36-38 are believed patentable over the cited references.

C.   New Claims 39-40

New independent Claim 39 claims "[a] method for remotely providing to a first computer an item of information stored on a second computer." The method includes, among other

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limitations, "identifying, with said second computer, a storage location on said first computer for storing said item of information."

The system described in *Mosher, Jr.* teaches that the primary computer relays the changed data to the remote computer and that the remote computer determines where the information is to be stored." Thus, there is no discussion of identifying, with said second computer, a storage location on said first computer for storing said item of information," as called for in Claim 39.

Claim 40 depends from independent Claim 39, and should therefore be patentable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 39.

It is further submitted that Claim 40 adds its own limitations which render it patentable in its own right. Applicants reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Accordingly, new Claims 39-40 are believed patentable over the cited references.

D.   New Claims 41-44

New independent Claim 41 claims "[a] work monitor for monitoring events and activities occurring on a computing device." The method includes, among other limitations, "a first monitoring means, for monitoring said computing device for an occurrence of at least one activity; [and] a second monitoring means, for monitoring said computing device for an occurrence of at least one event."

As can be seen from Figure 3 of *Mosher, Jr.*, *Mosher, Jr.* only discloses a single monitor 202 for monitoring activities on the primary database. There is no discussion of a second monitoring means, for monitoring said computing device for an occurrence of at least one event.

Claims 42-44 each ultimately depend from independent Claim 41, and should therefore be patentable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 41.

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It is further submitted that Claims 42-44 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicants reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Accordingly, new Claims 41-44 are believed patentable over the cited references.

E.   New Claim 45-56

New independent Claim 45 claims "[a] control center interface for a synchronization system located on a first computing device." The control center interface includes, among other limitations, "a work monitor interface, including information identifying an occurrence of an event or activity; and a file synchronization interface, providing the ability to select at least one item of information, contained on said first computing device, for synchronization with a second computing device."

There is no discussion in *Mosher, Jr.* of any type of interface. In particular, there is no discussion in *Mosher, Jr.* of a control center interface including "a work monitor interface, . . . and, a file synchronization interface," as called for in independent Claim 45.

Claims 46-56 each ultimately depend from independent Claim 45, and should therefore be patentable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 45.

It is further submitted that Claims 46-56 add their own limitations which render them patentable in their own right. Applicants reserve the right to argue these limitations should it become necessary in the future.

Accordingly, new Claims 45-56 are believed patentable over the cited references.

V.   Conclusion

The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.

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In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.
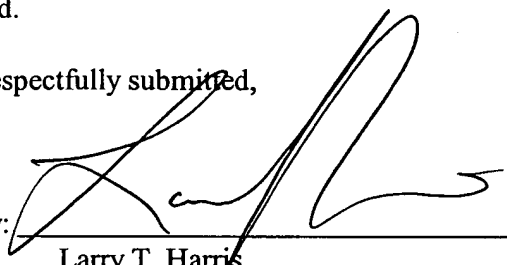
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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APPENDIX

In the Claims:

31. (New).   A method for synchronizing information between a first computer and a second computer, comprising the steps of:

selecting an item of information stored on said first computer;

identifying a corresponding item of information stored on said second computer; and,

replacing said corresponding item of information stored on said second computer with said item of information stored on said first computer.

32. (New).   The method of Claim 31, further including the step of:

determining, subsequent to said step of identifying a corresponding item of information, whether said selected item of information is more recent than said corresponding item of information; and,

wherein said step of replacing said corresponding item of information includes:

replacing said corresponding item of information stored on said second computer with said selected item of information stored on said first computer, only if it is determined that said selected item of information is more recent than said corresponding item of information.

33. (New).   The method of Claim 32, wherein the step of replacing includes the step of:

replacing said selected item of information stored on said first computer with said corresponding item of information stored on said second computer, if it is determined that said selected item of information is not more recent than said corresponding item of information.

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34.   (New).   The method of Claim 32, wherein said step of determining includes the steps of:

accessing a first date and time associated with said selected item of information;

accessing a second date and time associated with said corresponding item of information; and,

determining if said first date and time is more recent than said second date and time.

35.   (New).   The method of Claim 31, wherein said step of replacing said corresponding item of information stored on said second computer with said selected item of information stored on said first computer, replaces said corresponding item of information with a copy of said selected item of information.

36.   (New).   A method for remotely obtaining with a second computer, an item of information stored on a first computer, comprising the steps of:

connecting said second computer with said first computer;

identifying with said second computer said item of information stored on said first computer; and,

retrieving said item of information from said first computer.

37.   (New).   The method of Claim 36, wherein said step of retrieving said item of information retrieves a copy of said item of information.

38.   (New).   The method of Claim 36, further including the step of:

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storing said item of information on said second computer responsive to said step of retrieving said item of information.

39. (New). A method for remotely providing to a first computer an item of information stored on a second computer, comprising the steps of:

connecting said second computer with said first computer;

identifying, with said second computer, a storage location on said first computer for storing said item of information; and,

providing said item of information to said first computer.

40. (New). The method of Claim 39 further including the step of:

verifying that said item of information provided to said first computer has been received by said first computer; and,

disconnecting said second computer from said first computer.

41. (New). A work monitor for monitoring events and activities occurring on a computing device, comprising:

a first monitoring means, for monitoring said computing device for an occurrence of at least one activity;

a second monitoring means, for monitoring said computing device for an occurrence of at least one event; and,

a log generating means, for generating a log responsive to the occurrence of an event or activity monitored on said computing device.

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42.   (New).   The work monitor of Claim 41, wherein said at least one event being monitored is an event selected from a group of events comprising:

an incoming telephone call, an outgoing telephone call, an incoming facsimile, and an outgoing facsimile.

43.   (New).   The work monitor of Claim 41, wherein said at least one activity being monitored is an activity selected from a group of activities comprising:

an access of an item of information stored on said computer, and a modification of an item of information stored on said computer.

44.   (New).   The work monitor of Claim 41, wherein said generated log includes information identifying an occurrence of a monitored event or activity.

45.   (New).   A control center interface for a synchronization system located on a first computing device, the control center interface comprising:

a work monitor interface, including information identifying an occurrence of an event or activity; and,

a file synchronization interface, providing the ability to select at least one item of information, contained on said first computing device, for synchronization with a second computing device.

46.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein the work monitor interface includes:

a work monitor log, identifying events or activities which have occurred on said computing device.

47.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said events may be any event selected from a group of events comprising:

an incoming telephone call, an outgoing telephone call, an incoming facsimile, and an outgoing facsimile.

48.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said activities may be any activity selected from a group of activities comprising:

an access of an item of information stored on said computer, and a modification of an item of information stored on said computer.

49.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said work monitor interface includes:

a work monitor interface enable/disable module, wherein in response to selection of said enable/disable module said synchronization system either begins or stops monitoring occurrences of events or activities on said first computing device.

50.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said file synchronization interface maintains a list identifying information which is to be synchronized with said second computer.

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51.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said file synchronization interface includes:

an information addition module, for adding an identification of information to said list.

52.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said file synchronization interface includes:

an information change module, for changing an identification of information to said list.

53.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said file synchronization interface includes:

an information delete module, for removing an identification of information from said list.

54.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, wherein said file synchronization system includes:

a begin synchronization module.

55.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 54, wherein said file synchronization system includes:

a synchronization progress interface, displayed as a result of selection of said begin synchronization module, identifying the progress of synchronization information between said first computing device and said second computing device.

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56.   (New).   The control center interface of Claim 45, further comprising:

a file transfer interface, providing the ability to select at least one item of information for transferring between said first computing device and said second computing device.